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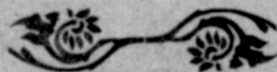
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NEXT SESSION:

PLACE—New Hope, five miles North-east of Ashland, Benton
county, Nississippi.

TIME—Wednesday before the First Sunday in September, 1909.

PREACHER—ELDER W. J. EPTING.

ALTERNATE—ELDER R. A. KIMBROUGH.

OFFICERS:

Elder J. A. Autry, Hickory Flat, Route 3, Moderator.
J. W. Crump, Blue Mountain, Route 2, Clerk.
A. A. Graham, Blue Mountain, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

B. G. Lowrey, Chairman; J. A. Autry, J. E. Buchanan, W. J. Epting, George Deen, A. H. McAllister, A. A. Graham, J. W. Crump.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1 Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 2 Appoint Committees.
- 3 Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith, Rules of Decorum.
- 4 Select place of next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the Introductory sermon.
- 5 Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 6 Appoint Correspondents.
- 7 Call for Reports.
- 8 Elect Executive Board.
- 9 Miscellaneous business.
- 10 Call Roll of Delegates and mark absentees

PROCEEDINGS.

THE TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held its Forty-sixth Annual Session with Beulah church, beginning September Second, 1908.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. Text: Romans 10:15. Theme: The Excellency of the Gospel. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION, 2 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing "We Should Love and Help Each Other." Eld. W. E. Berry, the former Moderator, read the 12th chapter of Romans; prayer by Eld. J. A. Autry.

W. O. Beaty, J. M. Autry appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters were then read, and Delegates seated, from the following Churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Beulah, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Center Point, Curtis Creek, Dumas, Faulkner,

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Fellowship, Flat Rock, Hickory Flat, Lebanon, Lowrey Memorial, Macedonia, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Olive, New Hope, New Prospect, Oaklimer, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill (B), Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove, Union.

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers, resulting as follows: Eld. J. A. Autry, Moderator; J. W. Crump, Clerk; A. A. Graham, Treasurer.

By motion of Eld. W. E. Berry, the order of business, as printed in the minutes of last year, was adopted after changing places with items 2 and 5.

Invited visiting brethren to seats. Recognized W. E. Springer from Big Hatchie Association, Tenn.; T. L. Ruff, W. E. Smith, W. L. Souther, from the Chickasaw Association.

The Moderator then announced the following committees: On DEVOTIONS—L. M. Bynum, Geo. Deen, with the Deacons of this church.

ORPHANAGE—W. O. Beaty, J. T. Balch, Gilford Deen.

SUSTENTATION—L. F. Carmichael, W. J. Ball, S. M. Casey.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. E. Houston, J. M. Autry, D. B. Bobo.

HOME MISSIONS—R. A. Kimbrough, T. M. Gadd, C. Brown.

STATE MISSIONS—J. E. Buchanan, G. O. Stanford, W. H. Anderson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W. J. Epting, A. H. McAllister, J. D. Childers.

LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT—A. A. Graham, A. N. Collins, R. M. Staten.

EDUCATION—B. G. Lowrey, Clay Collins, W. J. Hollis.

ENCAMPMENT—W. E. Berry, T. F. Holt, J. A. Jordan.

WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, J. B. Blackwell, jr., J. W. Shackelford.

TEMPERANCE—R. J. Gresham, N. J. Owen, M. Gilliam.

PUBLICATIONS—W. B. May, Jasper Lowrey.

FINANCE—P. C. Gadd, J. A. Griffin, Walter Covington.

Moved, by Eld. W. J. Epting, that the reports on Missions be made special, 9:30 a. m., to-morrow.

Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Buchanan.

SECOND DAY, SEPTEMBER THIRD. 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotions conducted by Eld. W. J. Epting. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

Proceeded to select place and preacher for the next meeting of this body, which resulted as follows: New Hope, the place; Eld. W. J. Epting the preacher, with Eld. R. A. Kimbrough alternate.

Recognized Eld. A. V. Rowe, Secretary State Convention Board; Eld. S. B. Culpepper, from Clarke Memorial College; Eld. E. L. Wesson and H. C. Gray, from the Chickasaw Association.

Heard read the reports on Missions, which were made special for this hour. The report on Home Missions was read by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough; that on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. W. J. Epting, and that on State Missions by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. These three reports were jointly discussed by Elders R. A. Kimbrough, W. J. Epting, J. E. Buchanan, A. V. Rowe. Pending this discussion adjourned to 2 o'clock for preaching by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough. Text, Gal. 6:4; theme, "Glorying In the Cross." Prayer by Eld. S. B. Culpepper.

EVENING SESSION, 2 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing; prayer by P. C. Gadd. A letter was read and Delegates seated from Harmony church.

Resumed discussion of the reports on Missions, together with the report on the Layman's Movement, which was read by A. A. Graham. These four reports were jointly discussed by Elds. J. E. Buchanan, R. A. Kimbrough and A. A. Graham, W. L. Souter, B. G. Lowrey and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is stronger in the confidence of Southern Baptists to-day than ever before in the Sixty-three years of its history. The work it has accomplished, and is accomplishing, well merits this confidence. Thousands of churches, houses of worship in almost every city and many country places, and tens of thousands of converts are

monuments to its faithfulness and effectiveness as a denominational agent. The partial summary of the work done by the Board's independent and co-operative workers during the past year shows how signal has been this success:

Sermons and addresses,	126,239
Prayer meetings	13,794
Religious visits	227,474
Baptisms	22,402
Received by letter	18,015
Total additions to churches	40,417
Churches constituted	337
Houses of worship built and improved	338
Sunday Schools organized	1,057
Bibles and Testaments distributed	26,837

In addition to the above there were 327 conversions in the Board's mountain schools.

It will be seen that there were more than one hundred additions to the churches for each day in the year.

Figures cannot tell the story of holy Christian influence exerted by these workers, nor the power in life, experience and character of 226,239 sermons, and 227,474 religious visits.

The denomination showed its growing appreciation of this work by increasing its contribution, to Home Missions by \$27,308.94, the total contribution being \$248,138.17 last year.

A Committee, consisting of two brethren from each State, was appointed at Hot Springs to name a reasonable sum to be raised for Home Missions this year and to suggest an apportionment of the amount among the states. The sum decided upon as reasonable was \$325,000, which was divided in just proportion among the several states, the amount suggested for Mississippi being \$25,000. While this apportionment is only a suggestion, yet with the history of the work before us, and especially in view of the success of last year, we feel that every effort should be made to realize every dollar of the \$25,000 suggested for our State. We recommend, therefore, that this Association heartily co-operate in the effort to raise this amount for the support of a work which has been so signally blessed of God and which has accomplished so much good.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman,
T. M. GADD,
W. C. BROWN, Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The basis of all foreign mission work is found in John 5:16—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Christ was the missionary from heaven to a lost world. Having risen in triumph from the grave He told His disciples that as the Father had sent Him, so He sent them. The field is the world; the command comes from the Lord. So long as there is one unconverted soul in all the world, so long will this command ring out clearly to God's people. It is sad to think that there are to-day over eight hundred million souls who know not of Christ, but who linger in heathen darkness. Their condition is pitiable. The men live in iniquity; the women and chil-

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dren grope in blight and night. And yet the people of God entrusted with the light decline to send them the truth. Our pride and selfishness are ministered unto, while famishing souls are dying for the Bread of Life. We build finer churches and finer homes and supply ourselves with the luxuries of life while souls are dying who know not the Son of God.

Our Foreign Mission Board last year made a good report of progress. Over \$400,000 was contributed, and our Board was enabled to report "No debt" at the close of the Convention Year. While this should gratify us in one way, yet in another we should feel a sense of shame for, throughout the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention, it meant that we had given on an average of only twenty cents apiece through the year. The fact was brought out at the Southern Baptist Convention that in the bounds of our Convention there are, over ten thousand churches which gave nothing at all for foreign missions last year. We hope that not a church in our Association will stand in the non-contributing column for this great work of the Master.

During the year twenty four new missionaries were sent out. We have now in the field a force of 222 missionaries, 334 native assistants, that is 556 workers. How few are these, however, from two million Southern Baptists. Let us pray the Lord to thrust forth other laborers into the fields white now unto harvest.

We are glad to report that, in connection with our work in the different mission lands, there are eight theological schools. These are training about 150 students who are to go out and preach the gospel. These native preachers are greatly needed for evangelistic work as well as for the training of the thousands of new converts in the mission lands.

Our Foreign Board has sent out twelve medical missionaries, and these last year treated 38,000 patients. This medical work reaches the hearts of the people as no other work. Not only is access gotten to the poor and needy, but also to those who are wealthy and powerful.

We praise God for 2,174 converts who were added by baptism last year. We should pray to Him that He will gather many souls this year through our workers on the foreign fields.

At the Southern Baptist Convention it was decided that we try to raise twenty-five per cent. more for foreign missions this year than last. But many of our churches ought to double or quadruple their gifts. To make a noble advance someone must take the lead in the church. May our laymen feel called on to take a leading part in this great work.

Upon request valuable literature may be obtained from the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Virginia. We suggest that every pastor secure a supply of mission tracts for distribution among his people.

We recommend that our pastors most earnestly present the claims of a lost world, and that pastors and people pray to God that from our bounds may go some who shall preach the glorious gospel to those who wait in lands of darkness and sin.

W. J. EPTING.

A. H. McALLISTER, Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." To preach Righteousness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the great mission of God's people. Beginning in the home, with our own families, our efforts should be continued through communities, coun-

ties, states, nations, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. In our efforts to evangelize our State, there is much to encourage us. The writer can remember the time when, in our State, less than \$1,000 was given by all our churches for this great work, but we have grown until now our gifts go up into the thousands—about \$2,000 contributed last year—and with this effort has gone the blessings of God until, in increase of numbers, churches and material wealth we, as Baptists, have grown to be a mighty people. But with all our growth there, perhaps, was never a period of State Mission work when there was a louder call for increased energy along this line. The marvelous growth and development of our State along material lines, new towns being built, new blood being brought into our borders through emigration, call loudly upon our people to keep pace with these things in the work of evangelization. During the past year about one hundred men have labored under the Board. By these 1,450 have been baptized, and 1,461 in meetings where they have labored with others. One hundred and sixty places have been occupied as nursing and much work wrought in the way of improving and building new houses of worship. May the Lord lead us to greater things in this great field.

J. E. BUCHANAN,
W. H. ANDERSON,
G. O. STANFORD, Com.

LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT.

The great problem before every organization of every kind, is to get each individual member to act his or her part and carry out the obligation assumed when becoming members of the organization. The Baptist Host is no exception to this rule—and it is to this end that the Layman's Movement was organized. We believe that much good has already been accomplished, and urge that we continue to push this movement to the end that every member of every church be enlisted in active service. Let all pastors help and encourage this work by arranging at least one Layman's service at each church a year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. GRAHAM,
R. M. STATEN,
A. N. COLLINS, Com.

J. W. Crump was appointed Associational Leader of the Layman's Movement in this Association.

The report on Education was read by B. G. Lowrey. After discussion by himself and Eld. S. B. Culpepper was adopted.

The word "Educate" means "building up." In this age of enlightenment, the denomination that would "build up" must educate.

The Baptists have always stood for light.

Christ went about teaching, preaching and healing, and He said that He sent us as the Father sent Him; so we should teach. Our aspiring young men and young women are going to find an education somewhere. We are guilty, before God, if we fail to give them an opportu-

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nity to get secular learning under strong Christian training; so that their moral strength and mental powers shall be stamped with the image of the King and consecrated to the King's service.

We urge our people that their purses, their patronage and their prayers should be given to our Baptist educational Institutions.

We further recommend that the churches of this Association lend a helping hand to our ministerial students in this Association at Mississippi College.

B. G. LOWREY,
H. C. COLLINS,
W. J. HOLLIS, Com.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. A. V. Rowe.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION, 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; Moderator in the chair. Religious exercises were conducted by Eld. L. F. Carmichael. Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

Suspended regular order of business, by motion of Eld. J. E. Buchanan, to elect Executive Board for next year. The only change in the old Board was, Eld. J. A. Autry and A. A. Graham, respectively take the place of the former Moderator and Treasurer, by virtue of their office.

Moved, by Eld. W. E. Berry, that any member of this body in good standing, when present with any other body with which we correspond, shall be recognized as a messenger from this body.

Eld. H. L. Whitten was elected Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Eld. W. J. Epting, alternate.

Eld. J. A. Autry was elected Delegate to the State Convention, with Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, alternate.

Moved, by Eld. W. J. Epting, that we dispense with preaching to-day to give time to B. G. Lowrey to discuss hospital work.

Resumed call for reports.

The report on Temperance was read by R. J. Gresham; after discussion by himself, Elds. R. A. Kimbrough, J. E. Buchanan, J. A. Autry and B. G. Lowrey, this report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Every lover of Temperance, in this Association, should be profoundly

grateful to note the wave of temperance which is sweeping over the country. On the First day of January, next, the State of Mississippi will cease to be a co-partner with the saloon interests, for on that day all licensed saloons will be banished from this State by act of the last legislature. After that date our only foe in the liquor traffic will be the "blind tiger." This can be practically blotted out if Congress will pass a law prohibiting the shipping of liquor into prohibition territory. In addition to the laws which have been passed in the interest of temperance, the cause can be greatly advanced by church members, who do such things, quitting the abominable and shameful practice of drinking.

ROBERT J. GRESHAM, Chairman,

M. GILLEAN,

N. J. OWEN, Com.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the Tippah Baptist Association, representing thirty-two churches and two thousand seven hundred Christian members, that the Congress of the United States should pass some national legislation to prevent express companies and common carriers conveying liquor into prohibited territory, and we request our member of Congress to endeavor to secure such legislation.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, spoken to by himself, Eld. J. E. Buchanan and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, was organized Twenty years ago.

For the year just closed, the women, in Southern Baptist Convention gave, through the Union and Mission Societies in the churches, to denominational work, \$186,193.58, and \$143,795.85 of this being for Home and Foreign Missions. The value of boxes of household goods sent to our frontier missionaries being \$24,543.46, making a total for the year of \$210,742.04. Our women in Mississippi gave about \$5,000 in cash and sent many boxes to missionaries. Many of the missionaries of our Home Board testify that if it were not for receiving the help in this way they would have had to give up their work. A missionary on a small salary of two or three hundred dollars, receiving a box worth \$50 to \$100, finds it a help in time of need. The women in this Association sent a box from Ripley last year worth \$140. A box will be packed by the ladies of the Association this fall, Oct. 19, at Blue Mountain. Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, Blue Mountain, is vice-President for ladies' work in Tippah Association.

MRS. R. A. KIMBROUGH,

J. R. BLACKWELL, Com.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. M. Autry, discussed by himself, B. G. Lowrey, and adopted.

REPORT SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We believe the Sunday School first place or thing to be considered when it comes to studying God's Word. Solomon, of old, said: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not de-

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part from it." Take up all the live churches, which have good live Sunday Schools, and you will find children, boys, girls, women and men being led to Christ. Again we find the Sunday Schools a good trainer on the subject of giving to any and all missions and education, and causes the student to think and act for himself; therefore saving the ministers, deacons and leading members a great deal of work; besides leading souls to Christ. Therefore we urge each and every minister and member to organize Sunday Schools in every church and community, not only to last a few months, but for twelve months in the year.

We refer you to the following Scriptures in regard to Sunday Schools: Matthew, 4:23; St. Luke, 24:29.

W. E. HOUSTON,
J. M. AUTRY,
D. B. BOBO, Com.

The Eleven o'clock hour was given to B. G. Lowrey to present the Hospital Work.

Moved, by Eld. R. Kimbrough, that the Church Treasurer be requested to send all money collected to the Treasurer of the Association. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Ball.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing: "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep." Prayer by Eld. R. A Kimbrough.

The report on Finance was read by P. C. Gadd and approved:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Shady Grove	\$ 1.50	Center Point	\$ 80
Canaan	1.75	Curtis Creek	30
Lebanon	75	New Hope	1.00
Mt. Olive	50	Harmony	40
Mt. Moriah	50	Providence	1.50
Union	2.25	Blue Mountain	5.00
Ashland	1.10	Dumas	80
Mt. Hebron	50	Oaklimeter	30
Ripley	2.50	Fellowship	1.50
Pleasant Hill	1.20	Pine Grove	1.00
New Prospect	70	New Macedonia	1.00
Flat Rock	1.50		
Bluff Springs	50	Total	\$35.10
Bethlehem	75		
Hickory Flat	75		
Academy	2.35		
Faulkner	1.40		

P. C. GADD,
W. COVINGTON,
J. A. GRIFFIN, Com.

The report on Encampment was read by Eld. W. E. Berry, spoken to by himself, Eld. J. A. Autry, B. G. Lowrey, and adopted.

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Your Committee beg leave to report that one of the most helpful gatherings in the State is the B. Y. P. U. Encampment that meets annually at Blue Mountain. It is helpful to every department of Christian work. The pastors will find great help in the Bible Conference conducted by some of our strongest men. The Sunday School superintendents, teachers and pupils will learn much of the study, and of the teaching of the Bible. The young people of our churches will catch inspiration in their work. The laymen will be wonderfully helped in their movement, that is now sweeping over the land. The time for the next Encampment has been fixed for the Second week in August. We urge the pastors and churches to arrange their protracted meetings so as to have no conflict with the encampment. Your Committee would further urge every church to send its pastor and as many of its laymen as can possibly attend. Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BERRY, Chairman Com.

THOS. F. HOLT.

J. A. JORDAN.

The report on Publications was read by W. B. May. After discussion by Elds. W. E. Berry, J. A. Autrey, R. A. Kimbrough, was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, offer the following report: As "speaking makes a ready man, writing a correct man and reading a full man," we think it is better not to read at all than to read trashy literature. We earnestly and prayerfully ask the use of good literature everywhere. What the mind feeds upon that it grows upon. As the literature used so likely the man. We are too easily satisfied with the kind of literature that comes into our homes. The Bible, the Book of all books, is not studied and taught as much as it should be by both old and young. Therefore we deem it necessary to use good, sound literature, religious or educational. The influence of song is a great soul-winner. We desire and pray that spiritual song books be used in our homes and churches. As to religious papers we recommend the following: Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, Baptist Record. With the Bible, a spiritual song book and these religious papers, we feel that our people are equipped for the service of God. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MAY,

J. W. LOWRY, Com.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by W. O. Beaty; the report on Sustentation was read by L. F. Carmichiel. The two reports were jointly discussed by Elds. L. F. Carmichiel, J. E. Buchanan and B. G. Lowrey, A. A. Graham and adopted. Then took up a collection for Sustentation amounting to \$15.51.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We feel that the Baptists are doing one of the greatest works for the

orphans of the State. The work is superintended by Rev. J. R. Carter. The State is blessed by having good help to care for these children.

To go through the institution and see the many good matrons and nurses, is an inspiration. Brother Carter seems to have his soul and heart in this work. The new improvements that have been superintended by Brother Carter greatly aids in caring for the babies.

The Orphanage has about 157 children now. There is something great to come from the boys and girls who go out from this institution.

The Orphanage is represented at many of the Colleges of the State. We notice that they are doing excellent work. It is something great to notice how God is blessing it with gifts and contributions from the different parts of the State. God is greatly blessing because the people are praying and giving. "The Orphanage Gem," which is printed monthly, aids "The Baptist" wonderfully in keeping in touch with the work. It is also a help to the institution. The paper should go into many more homes. You can see some great character written on the bright faces of the boys and girls. May God's rich blessings be with the Baptist Orphanage.

W. O. BEATY.

GILFORD DEEN,

J. T. BALCH, Com.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

There are two great charities that appeal to us as Church people and Baptists—the Orphanage Work and the support of our old and worn out preachers and their wives. In the first we have a measure of interest that is manifest by our practice. But as to the second, if our memory serves us correctly, our churches did not report one dollar for this work. Are we not painfully careless and negligent? Surely the old "Soldiers of the Cross" who have worn themselves out in the service of the Master, those old and needy, ought to share in the church's gifts. There are a number in the State, two in our own Association, who have been helped. The State Board expended, in our bounds, more than is being given by our churches. Let us do better. Our churches should make regular contributions to this fund.

L. F. CARMICHAEL,

S. M. CASEY,

W. J. BALL, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Owing to the fact that practically none of the various funds passed through the Treasurer's hands, but were sent direct to the State Board, and the Treasurer being unable to get all these amounts, makes no official report. Churches and Pastors are urged, hereafter, to send all funds to the Treasurer at Blue Mountain, and unless so sent, will not appear in future report of Treasurer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To Tippah Association:—We, your Executive Committee, have held two regular meetings during the past Associational year, and in "Lifting up our eyes unto the fields," have found that there is really much mission work that ought to be done in our Association, especially along our Eastern and Western borders. We really ought to have at least one vigorous man for his whole time in the field. However, the means have not been put into our hands by the churches to do the work. We

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urge upon the churches the importance of increasing their contributions to State Mission work

We have held two Fifth Sunday meetings. One at Faulkner, a Layman's meeting, in December, and one at New Hebron, in March.

We feel that the Layman's meetings held in various churches during the year have been greatly helpful, and we hope for further enlargement of that work. We have agreed to help three churches to the extent of twenty-five dollars cash, or any amount less than that, giving dollar for dollar for what these churches themselves may raise. These churches are Mt. Moriah, New Hebron and Lebanon.

B. G. LOWREY, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were adopted: Resolved

1. That the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to our worthy Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient services in conducting the business of the body.

2. Our Clerk shall have our Minutes printed and distribute same, and for his services shall have \$10.

3. That our thanks are most heartily tendered to the members of this church, and friends of this community, who have given us such gracious and generous hospitality.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees marked. The Minutes of the day were read, corrected and adopted.

Adjourned by singing "I am Bound for the Promised Land," during which was extended to each the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Eld. W. E. Berry.

ELD. J. A. AUTRY, Moderator

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Antry, J. A.	Hickory Flat,	Miss., Route 3.
Ball, W. J.	"	"
Barnes, W. C.	"	"
Berry, W. E.	Blue Mountain	"
Buchanan, J. E.	"	"
Carmichael, L. F.	Mitchell	"
Caviniss, W. P.	Falkner,	"
Cox, J. T.	Hickory Flat,	"
Epting, W. J.	Ripley	"
Eubanks, E. J.	Jonesboro	"
Gillian, M.	Ashland	"
Houston, W. E.	"	"

Kimbrough, R. A.	Blue Mountain	"
Lipford, H. F.	Ashland	"
Martin, T. T.	Blue Mountain	"
Pearce, J. S.	Ripley	" Route 4.
Stroup, T. R.	Hickory Flat	"
Thompson, W. G.	Blue Mountain	"
Vandiver, A. C.	Mitchell	"
West, D. C.	Ashland	"
Whitten, H. L.	Ripley	"

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year, with the whole number in Fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members, and then one for each fifty over that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

ART. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions.

or for the Bible cause: This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. 10. If any church shall have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

ART. 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worth of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and the constitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

ART. 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.
2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses and in sin.
4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is with them that believe.
5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the elder, or pastor, and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the New Testament doctrine of Missions. That the great commission given to the disciples of Christ before His ascension, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, is obligatory upon the disciples of every generation; that the chief business of a church in the world is to give the gospel to the world; that it is the solemn duty, and the exalted privilege of the believer to extend the Master's Kingdom by prayer, by personal effort, and by the giving of money to the propagation of the gospel throughout the world.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

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5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of the members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only Scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

27 Pleasant Hill	B	W B May, G Miller	J E Buchanan	Titlersville	1st
28 Pleasant Hill	T	Not represented			
29 Providence	E	J S Horton, E Dreyer, S Lewis	W J Epling	Ripley	4th
30 Ripley	W	J Epling, R M Staten, J K Rose	F Z Huffstockler	Ripley	4th
31 Shady Grove	mon	Jeff Lence, I J Lence, W O Lence	W I Hargis	Chalybeate	4th
32 Union	J F	Ray, W J Hollis, D B Bobo			

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number	Churches	Delegates	Pastor	Post office	Time of Meeting	Increase			Decrease			Total Members
						Baptism	Letter	Restored	Expelled	Letter	Death	
1	Academy	N J Owen	W E Berry	Cotton Plant	2d Sunday	12	5	1	6		5	103
2	Asbland	M Gilliam, S M Casey, R J Gresham	J E Buchanan	Asbland	4th "	11	4	1	2	1	1	76
3	Berlehem	Charles Brown Clay Collins, Jasper Coltharp, J W Shackleford, A N Collins	H L Whitten	"	4th "	11						77
4	Benlah	W W Hudspeeth, W H Jordan, A F Rogers	A J Jones	Myrtle	4th "	11			8	1	1	124
5	Bluff Springs	L M Brynum, G A Aldridge	E L Whitten	Asbland	2d "	5		1	2		3	88
6	Canan	J T Barnes	J T Cox	Canan	1st "	4	4	3	1	1		69
7	Center Point	Not represented	N one	Hickory Flat	1st "							34
8	Chewasla	Not represented	J A Aultry	Asbland	4th "	8	1	2			1	42
9	Curtis Creek	J A Jordan, R W Jordan	J D Franks	Dumas	1st "	48	2	2	1	2	2	62
10	Dumas	Walter Livingston, W H Anderson	E J Eubanks	Faulkner	1st "	13	6	6	12	2	1	129
11	Faulkner	None present	J F Buchanan	Ripley	1st "		1	1				169
12	Fellowship	G O Stanford, James Griffin	W E Berry	Hickory Flat	2d "							145
13	Flat-Rock	T M Gadd, J F Gethin, L G Cossitt	U A West	Walnut	"							148
14	Harmony	J L Street	J A Aultry	Hickory Flat	1st "	3	2	2	2			34
15	Hickory Flat	P C Gadd, G A Murry, Sallie Bowlin, Mrs. Harlie Ross	Jesse Henderson	Silver Springs	4th "		4		2			46
16	Lebanon	J P Maury, C F Dickerson			"							
17	Lowrey Men's SS	R A Kimbrough, J S Gillette, A R Gandy, W O Beatty, T J Holt, A A Graham	R A Kimbrough	Blue Mountain	1, 2, 3, 4	56	65	46			5	449
18	Macedonia	L M Colter, Gifford Deen	W E Berry	Blue Mountain	3d "	4	1	2			1	76
19	Mt. Hebron	James Keith	E J Eubanks	Walnut	"	3			2			31
20	Mt. Moriah	J Lowrey, W Covington	J L Wilson	Ripley	2d "	8		1				57
21	Mt. Olive	L F Carmichael	Reese Gullett	Mitchell	"				5			174
22	New Hope	J T Batch, J B Blackwell, jr.	H L Whitten	Asbland	"							35
23	New Prospect	J B Maddox	W P Cayniss	Asbland	"							29
24	Oaklimer	J W McBroom, W C Barnes	W J Ball	Hickory Flat	"							5
25	Oak Grove	Not represented			"							119
26	Pine Grove	J M Aultry, J W Williams, I J Shanks, R W Baunziman	J A Aultry	Hickory Flat	3d "	8	2	1	3			62
27	Pleasant Hill	W B May, G Miller	W E Houston	Asbland	1st "	10						48
28	Pleasant Hill	Not represented			"							176
29	Providence	J S Horton, E Dreyer, S Lewis	J E Buchanan	Tidlersville	1st "	21	1					1
30	Ripley	W J Epting, R M Statten, J K Rosemon	W J Epting	Ripley	4th "	4	4	1	6	2		132
31	Shady Grove	Jeff Lence, I J Lence, W O Lence	F Z Huffstockler	Ripley	"	12						116
32	Union	J F Kay, W J Hollis, D B Bobo	W I Hargis	Chalybeate	"	19						167

PROCEEDINGS OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Church Extension	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Sunday Schools	Other Beneficence	Aggregate
Academy.....	5.00	100 00	19 25	15	2 85	3 50		7	152 10
Ashland.....	11.00	150 00	15	15	16 50		15		222 50
Bethlehem.....			2 50	2 50				31 60	5
Beulah.....	36 00		23 50	15				50	105 16
Bluff Springs.....	20 0		10 00		7	8 05	2 50	6	37 50
Canaan.....				12 25					28 80
Center Point.....	3.80								3 80
Chewalla.....			3 00		3 00				6 30
Curtis Creek.....	30				29 60				124 10
Dumas.....	1.50	100 00						8	116 40
Faulkner.....	43.40	65 00			2 20			14	173
Fellowship.....	10.00	125 00	10 90	10 90	9 60	4			73 05
Flat Rock.....	1.50	50 00	4 80	3 10	4 55	50			5 55
Harmony.....	50						10	18	233 75
Hickory Flat.....	75.75	85 00	20 00	5	15	5			2 25
Lebanon.....	50		1 75						
Lowrey Memorial.....	6,128.15	1052 75	435 00	157 05	120	76 65	42 46	266 66	8,278 72
Macedonia.....	1.00	50 00	16 45	7 10	3 50	3 50		10 15	91 70
Mt. Hebron.....	9.80	30 00		2 66		2 63		5	53 09
Mt. Moriah.....	50	50 00		4 50				2 45	57 45
Mt. Olive.....	1.50		2 00	2	4 75				10 25
New Hope.....	51 09				6				57
New Prospect.....	70			1 50		1 50			3 70
Oak Grove.....	30								30
Oak Grove.....				15 56	5	8 85			30 41
Pine Grove.....	1.00			1 50	1	3	1 50	4 50	92 70
Pleasant Hill, B.....	75 20		6 00						
Pleasant Hill, T.....						9 25	11 25	20	279 13
Providence.....	28 30	150 00	30 17	30 16		35	40	71 85	1,606 64
Ripley.....	871-69	458 00	32 18	72 92	25				11
Shady Grove.....	1.00		10 00				9 02	58 25	416 31
Union.....	2.25	200 00	74 75	66 04	6				
Totals.....	\$7,381.64	\$2,665 75	\$716 25	\$139 74	\$254 60	\$161 43	\$136 73	\$81 96	\$12,277 60

HISTORICAL TABLE.

Miss. on October 27, 1869, with the following churches; Mt. Com-

152 10
222 50
5
105 16
37 50
28 80
3 80
6 30
124 10
116 40
173
78 05
5 55
233 75
2 25
8,278 72
91 70
53 09
57 46
10 25
57
3 70
30
30 41
92 70
279 13
1,606 64
11
416 31
\$12,277 60

HISTORICAL TABLE.

This body was organized at Ripley, Miss., on October 37, 1869, with the following churches; Mt. Comfort, Hopewell, Beulah, Canaan, Macedonia, Pleasant Hill (T), Ripley, Union and Zion Hill.

Year.	Number.	Places	Moderators	Clerks	Treasurers.	Chairman Executive Boards.	Preachers.
1860	1	Ripley	A. Goodwin	J. E Rogers	S R Spight		Ambrose Ray
1861	2	Beulah	"	"	"		A G Parrott
1865	3	Canaan	"	"	H Garrett	J M McDonald	Ambrose Ray
1866	4	Union	M P Lowrey	"	"	"	A G Parrott
1867	5	Pleasant Hill B	Ambrose Ray	"	"	"	J W Johnson
1868	6	Ripley	M P Lowrey	"	"	"	L P Cossitt
1869	7	Pleasant Hill T	"	"	J J Guyton	"	A G Parrott
1870	8	Unity	A G Parrott	"	"	"	M P Lowrey
1871	9	Academy	"	"	"	"	J W Sanford
1872	10	Flat Rock	"	N S Watson	"	"	J W Skinner
1873	11	Harmony	"	Thos Spight	"	Thos. Spight	J D Anderson
1874	12	Beulah	"	"	"	"	M P Lowrey
1875	13	Mt. Moriah	M P Lowrey	"	"	L Ball	L Ball
1876	14	Canaan	"	"	"	"	L P Cossitt
1877	15	Chewalla	"	"	"	"	L Ball
1878	16	Fellowship	"	"	"	"	W E Berry
1879	17	New Hope	"	O F Ray	"	"	L T Ray
1880	18	Union	"	W O Rutherford	"	W E Berry	M P Lowrey
1881	19	Blue Mountain	L Ball	"	"	"	M M Long
1882	20	Ashland	M P Lowrey	"	"	"	E L Wesson
1883	21	Ripley	"	"	"	"	J E Buchanan
1884	22	Providence	"	"	C J Frederick	"	W G Thompson
1885	23	New Prospect	"	"	"	"	J H Shackelford
1886	24	Clear Creek	L P Cossitt	J W Crump	J J Guyton	"	G W Floyd
1887	25	Bluff Springs	"	"	W H M Durham	"	
1888	26	Canaan	W G Thompson	"	"	"	

HISTORICAL TABLE.

1889/27	Beulah	W G Thompson	J W Crump	W H M Durham	W E Berry	W M Gadd
1890/28	Fellowship	L P Cossitt	"	J S Gillentine	"	M Gillean
1891/29	Oakimeter	W E Berry	"	"	"	W T Lowrey
1892/30	Falkner	"	"	J N McMillin	"	J N McMillin
1893/31	Shady Grove	"	"	"	W T Lowrey	St C Lawrence
1894/32	Union	"	"	"	J F Guyton	St C Lawrence
1895/33	Ripley	"	"	"	"	J N McMillin
1896/34	Blue Mountain	"	"	J Frank Ray	"	J C Swaim
1897/35	Pleasant Hill B	"	"	"	W E Berry	St C Lawrence
1898/36	Hickory Flat	"	"	"	"	W E Berry
1899/37	Ashland	"	"	"	"	M Gillean
1900/38	Beulah	"	"	J A Norriss	J R Carter	S R Carter
1901/39	Providence	"	"	"	"	W E Berry
1902/40	Mt. Moriah	"	"	"	"	J A Autry
1903/41	Pine Grove	"	"	"	J L Wilson	J N McMillin
1904/42	Academy	"	"	"	"	J L Wilson
1905/43	Flat Rock	"	"	"	"	J N McMillin
1906/44	Canaan	"	"	A L Collins	J E Buchanan	J E Buchanan
1907/45	Fellowship	"	"	J W Gresham	B G Lowrey	W J Epting
1908/46	Beulah	J A Autry	"	J P Byrd	"	W J Epting
			"	A A Graham	"	J E Buchanan

